Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Is there any arrangement to take to the market the produce of the members?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies).*—Originally on the one side the members wanted the Board of Directors to give them an assurance of giving them some profit after marketting and on the other hand the members of the Board wanted that the Government should incur any loss—of course if they incurred any loss in the course of their doing business. Between the two there went on some negotiations and it was finally decided that a depot should be opened at Trichinopoly and its progress watched.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—What is the result of the negotiations as to who is to bear the loss?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies).*—Government are not prepared to bear any loss. Government have now given more than the required help for the time being and Government have no such idea. The committee have decided that they would incur any loss and after consulting the experts they find that there would not be any loss.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—When does the Society expect to commence business at Trichinopoly?

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Registrar of Co-operative Societies).*—By Medam.

Arrack shops—Trichur—particulars regarding.

249. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the arrack shops in the Trichur Town are not under the same licensee this year;

(2) for how many years have all such shops been bid by one single contractor;

(3) the bid amounts for all the arrack shops of the Trichur Town for the last 10 years?

Mr. K. M. Subramania Ayyar *(Commissioner of Excise).*—

(1) Yes.

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(2) From the year 1106 onwards, that is to say for 8 years.

(3)

Year.	Rental. Rs.
1104	17,010
1105	31,260
1106	25,790
1107	19,950
1108	20,600
1109	18,000
1110	14,250
1111	14,570
1112	15,200
1113	12,290

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad)*—From the year 1106 onwards there is a gradual fall in the bid amounts. May I know the reason therefor?

Mr. K. M. Subramania Ayyar *(Commissioner of Excise)*.—Probably due to depression.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad)*.—May I know whether the fact that the same person bids all the shops in the town has anything to do with the fall in the bid amounts?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government)*.—In fact, it was tried to be disposed of individually. We are not responsible for the bidding of all the shops by the same person.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad)*.—May I know whether all the toddy shops in the town are bid by the same person?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government)*.—Opportunity is given for each individual separately. Nobody came forward to bid. What can be done?

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad)*.—May I know, Sir, whether all the toddy shops for the year 1113 are bid by the same person.

Mr. K. M. Subramania Ayyar *(Commissioner of Excise)*.—The same bidder cannot be the bidder for all the shops.

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Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—He was practically induced to take up more shops.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—May I know whether the Government induced him?

Mr. P. J. George *(Joint Secretary to Government).*—He was persuaded to take it up.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Anthikad).*—Who was the person who persuaded him?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Pallippuram).*—Does it indicate that there is less of drink?

Secret Police Force in the State.

250. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they are maintaining a Secret Police Force in the State;

(2) if the answer is in the affirmative (a) their strength and (b) the amount spent under this head per year?

Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police).*—

(1) No.

(2) No answer is necessary.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Is it a fact, Sir, that the Government is asking the ordinary Police to collect confidential information about the movements and activities of persons engaged in political work and Harijan uplift?

Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police).*—There is no such instance.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Does that work fall within the ordinary duties of a Police officer?

Rao Sahib M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police).*—I don't know what is exactly meant by it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—The Hon'ble Member was asking whether Police officers are

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